

**AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE 2006-2007
SMALL GAME - FURBEARER PROCLAMATION**

The following sections of 2006-2007 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated July 28, 2006 have been amended.

Replace Section 23 with:

23. EXPERIMENTAL (QUOTA) MOUNTAIN LION SEASON:

North Dakota residents may harvest mountain lions statewide from September 1, 2006 through March 11, 2007. Shooting hours will be one half (½) hour before sunrise to one half (½) hour after sunset and any legal weapon currently allowed for furbearers is legal. No hunting or pursuing with dogs will be allowed until January 1, 2007. Snares and traps cannot be used to take mountain lions. A quota of 5 mountain lions will be allowed. Any mountain lion other than kittens (lions with visible spots) or females accompanied by kittens may be taken or pursued. The limit for mountain lions is one animal per hunter per season. Once this quota is reached, the season will be closed immediately. The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will inform the public through press releases, public service announcements, and media contacts of this closure. This quota will include all lions taken by USDA Wildlife Services, North Dakota Game and Fish Department, private landowners in defense of livestock, road killed animals, incidental animals taken by traps or snares, and animals taken for human safety issues. This quota also includes mountain lions taken in accordance with tribal regulations on Indian land within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation (NOTE: In the event that none of the five lions are taken on Fort Berthold Reservation, one additional lion may be taken on the reservation once the quota has been reached and the statewide season is closed.). This quota does not include mountain lions taken on other Indian land within the exterior boundaries of a reservation. Any mountain lion that is taken must be reported to the Department within 12 hours and the entire intact animal must be submitted for analysis. Legally taken animals will be returned to the hunter following analysis.

The following sections are added to the 2006-2007 Small Game-Furbearer Proclamation dated July 28, 2006.

37. DUCKS, COOTS, AND MERGANSERS

Low Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 23 through December 3, 2006. The daily bag limit shall be 5 ducks with species and sex restrictions as follows: 2 scaup, 2 redhead, 2 wood duck, only 1 from the following group: 1 hen mallard, or 1 pintail, or 1 canvasback. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit. The daily limit for mergansers shall be 5 of which no more than 2 may be a hooded merganser. The daily limit for coots shall be 15. The possession limit for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be twice the daily bag limit. The Low Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota east of a line beginning at the South Dakota border, then north on U.S. 83 and I-94 to ND 41, then north on ND 41 to ND 53, then west on ND 53 to U.S. 83, then north on U.S. 83 to U.S. 2, then west on U.S. 2 to Williams County line, then north and west along the Williams and Divide County lines to the Canadian border.

High Plains Unit: Season Dates - September 23 through December 3 and December 9 through December 31, 2006. The daily and possession limits for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be the same as that for the Low Plains Unit. The High Plains Unit is that portion of North Dakota west of the Low Plains Unit.

38. **GEESE.** The season length and bag limits shall be separate for Canada geese, white-fronted geese and light geese. **Canada geese** include all Canada geese and any other geese except white-fronted geese and light geese. **Light geese** include snow geese (including blue geese) and Ross's geese.

Canada geese may be taken in the Low Plains Unit and High Plains Unit from September 23 through December 21, 2006. The daily limit shall be 3 Canada geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

White-fronted geese may be taken statewide from September 23 through December 3, 2006. The daily limit shall be 2 white-fronted geese. The possession limit shall be twice the daily bag limit.

Light geese may be taken statewide from September 23 through December 21, 2006. The daily limit shall be 20 light geese. There shall be no possession limit on light geese.

Disabled American Veterans goose hunting opportunity: On October 21 and 22, 2006, an area normally closed to the taking of geese shall be open for the taking of geese by Disabled American Veterans. This area is the Missouri River Waterfowl Rest Area from the Garrison Dam to Turtle Creek downstream from Washburn. Only disabled veterans, (military action related) are eligible to participate. Priority will be given based on the severity of disability. Further information and assistance in participation in this limited opportunity must be obtained by calling the D.A.V. Hunt Committee at 701-748-2550 prior to October 18, 2006 after October 18 call 701-748-6227.

39. **SHOOTING HOURS.** Shooting hours for ducks, coots, and mergansers shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Except as noted below, the shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m. each day including opening day through October 28. Starting October 29, shooting hours for geese shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m. each day. Shooting hours for Canada geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 23 through December 21. Shooting hours for white-fronted geese shall be one-half (½) hour before sunrise to sunset on Saturdays and Wednesdays from September 23 through December 3.
40. **BOATS.** Ducks, coots, mergansers, geese and tundra swans may be taken from a

floating craft, excluding a sinkbox, if such craft is beached, or fastened within or tied immediately along side any type of fixed hunting blind, or from such craft resting at anchor.

41. **SPECIAL YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING SEASON.** Legally licensed residents and non-residents 15 years of age or younger may hunt ducks, coots, mergansers and geese statewide on September 16 and 17, 2006. An adult, at least 18 years of age, must accompany the youth hunter into the field. The adult may not hunt ducks, coots, or mergansers. Shooting hours for the Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Season shall be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The daily bag limit, including species restrictions and all other regulations that apply to the regular duck and goose hunting seasons shall apply to this special season.

42. **ELECTRONIC AND RECORDED CALLS.** Possession or use of an electronic or recorded call is prohibited while hunting waterfowl.

43. **VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.**

Exceeding the daily bag of restricted species/sex ducks (Section 37)--penalty - noncriminal-\$50 for one bird in excess of the daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B misdemeanor.

Exceeding the daily bag of waterfowl (not restricted species/sex ducks) (Section 37 and 38) -- noncriminal-\$100 for one bird in excess of daily limit. A second bird or second violation within one year shall be a Class B Misdemeanor.

Hunting before or after legal hours (Section 39) up to 30 min.--penalty - noncriminal-\$100. In excess of 30 min.- Class B misdemeanor.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of North Dakota this
____ 31st ____ day of August 2006.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Secretary of State

Deputy